



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

FY 2011 Discretionary Funding Opportunity; Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT

ACTION: FTA Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative Competitive Grant Program Funds: Announcement of Project Selections

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects funded under the Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative (VTCLI) discretionary grant program, which was announced in the Section 5309 Discretionary Bus and Bus Facilities Program notice of funding availability on July 27, 2011. The VTCLI grant program makes funds available to local, state and tribal agencies to create or expand One-Call/One-Click Transportation Resource Centers in their communities. These centers will increase the availability of community transportation resources to veterans, service members and military families and improve the accessibility of existing mobility resources and other transportation information to the whole community. Additionally, they will enable closer coordination of existing transportation services to improve customer experiences and overall efficiency. The VTCLI supports the Obama Administration's priority of supporting America's veterans and military families, as well as the objectives of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility. The initiative is a joint effort of the Departments of Defense, Health and Human Service, Labor, Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Successful applicants should contact the appropriate FTA Regional office (Appendix) for specific information regarding applying for the funds.

Unsuccessful applicants may contact Erik Weber, Office of Program Management at (202) 366-0705, email: erik.weber@dot.gov, to arrange a proposal debriefing. For general program information on the Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative, contact Doug Birnie at (202) 366-1666, email: douglas.birnie@dot.gov, or Erik Weber, both of the Office of Program Management. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative Grant Program: A total of \$30 million was initially made available by FTA for the VTCLI program and additional funds were subsequently added, for a total of \$34.6 million allocated to the selected projects. In total, 63 applicants requested \$52.9 million. Project proposals were evaluated based on the criteria detailed in the July 27, 2011 Notice of Funding Availability. The projects selected and shown in Table 1 will provide mobility choices to veterans, military families and other community members, increasing their awareness of and access to existing community transportation options and enabling them remain active in their communities. Funds must be used for eligible purposes defined under 49 U.S.C. 5309(b)(3) and 5302(a)(1), and consistent with the competitive announcement of availability of funds and the applicant's proposal. In selecting projects for this program, FTA ensured that an equitable share of the available funds is allocated to projects that are not in urbanized areas.

Project Implementation: So that funds can be obligated expeditiously, grantees selected for competitive discretionary funding should work with their FTA regional office to finalize the grant application in FTA's Transportation Electronic Award Management system (TEAM) for

the projects identified in the attached table. In cases where the allocation amount is less than the proposer's requested amount, grantees should work with the regional office to reduce scope or scale the project such that a complete phase or project is accomplished. A discretionary project identification number has been assigned to each project for tracking purposes and must be used in the TEAM application. No projects under the VTCLI have been extended pre-award authority. Additionally, although several projects contained related training, mobility management or infrastructure initiatives, FTA funds may only be used for eligible purposes defined under 49 U.S.C. 5309(b)(3) and 5302(a)(1), as described in FTA Circular 9030.1C, and further limited by the July 27, 2011 Federal Register Notice of Funding Availability. For any VTCLI projects that include lease of space please refer to FTA's guidance on Capital Leases found at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/12865.html> and in Chapter IV, subparagraph 3.j(2) of FTA Circular 5010.1D. Any projects which proposed to use applicant labor to accomplish capital design and engineering tasks, please refer to FTA's guidance on Force Account labor found in Chapter IV, paragraph 4.d of FTA Circular 5010.1D. Sources of any in-kind match proposed should be discussed with the FTA region to ensure eligibility. All capital procurements undertaken with VTCLI funds must comply with FTA's Third Party Procurement Guidelines found at http://www.fta.dot.gov/legislation_law/12349_8641.html. Any further questions on procurement guidelines should be discussed with the FTA regional office. Post-award reporting requirements include submission of the Financial Federal Report and Milestone reports in TEAM as appropriate (see FTA Circular 5010.1D). FTA will hold an informational webinar for grantees in the near future to discuss the goals and expectations of the VTCLI and address technical aspects of applying for funds. Details about the time and date of the webinar will be posted at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/veterans>.

The grantee must comply with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, FTA circulars, and other Federal administrative requirements in carrying out the project supported by the FTA grant. By statute the funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by September 30, 2014, but since project readiness was a factor in selection, applicants are expected to apply promptly in order to begin implementing the project within twelve months.

Issued in Washington, DC, this ____14th____ day of ____December__, 2011.

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Administrator

Appendix

FTA Regional and Metropolitan Offices

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Table I
VETERANS TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY LIVING INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM PROJECT SELECTIONS

State	Project ID	Recipient	Project Description	Allocation
AK	D2011-BUSP-138	Municipality of Anchorage	Creation of mobile smartphone applications to extend the reach of the existing one-call center.	\$120,000
CA	D2011-BUSP-139	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Technology upgrades to Southern California 511 system to improve the information accessibility of the area's transportation services.	\$2,000,000
CA	D2011-BUSP-140	Omnitrans	Hardware and software purchase to expand the capacity of the 211 system. Real-time arrival displays at VA hospital and mobile application.	\$227,240
CO	D2011-BUSP-141	Colorado Department of Transportation	All Points Transit will purchase software upgrades for the existing one-call center to enable scheduling rides for military & veterans service providers.	\$29,052
CO	D2011-BUSP-142	Colorado Department of Transportation	DRMAC will create a one-call/one-click center with an information and assistance function and pilot coordinated reservations and scheduling system.	\$613,580
CO	D2011-BUSP-143	Colorado Department of Transportation	Accessible Cordinated Transportation will upgrade software capabilities for the existing Joint Dispatch and Call Center.	\$362,500
CO	D2011-BUSP-144	Colorado Department of Transportation	NW Colorado COG will create a one-call/one-click center and a regional billing center to enhance veterans travel training program.	\$321,600
FL	D2011-BUSP-145	Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization	Upgrade 211 system to serve as one-call/one-click center, bringing transportation into the employment, housing, food and counseling information system.	\$539,937
FL	D2011-BUSP-146	Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX)	New customer information system including one-call service integrated with transit website & transportation information kiosks throughout project area.	\$1,056,800
FL	D2011-BUSP-147	City of Tallahassee	Expand existing transit call center to provide information, transportation and scheduling for veterans, add customer scheduling website.	\$1,200,000
FL	D2011-BUSP-148	Jacksonville Transportation Authority	Build a one-call/one-click transportation resource center to expand access to the regional scheduling system via the internet and telephone.	\$1,925,200
FL	D2011-BUSP-149	Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization	Create a one-stop center with online tool, toll-free phone number, interactive voicemail system, mobile applications for real-time information.	\$1,098,339
FL	D2011-BUSP-150	Polk County Board of County Commissioners	Consolidation of 3 call centers into single one-call center with centralized website and phone number for coordinated delivery of transportation.	\$1,542,267
GA	D2011-BUSP-151	Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)	Link multiple call centers to centralized database through multi-functional website to improve mobility planning by tracking requests & gaps in service.	\$419,855
GU	D2011-BUSP-152	Guam Regional Transit Authority	Create a one-call/one-click transportation center for military, veterans and community transportation providers in multi-discipline Disabilities Center.	\$1,305,000
HI	D2011-BUSP-153	County of Maui Department of Transportation	Create one-call center integrated with Aging & Disability Resource Center; allow multiple providers to streamline eligibility, application & scheduling.	\$233,129
ID	D2011-BUSP-154	Idaho Transportation Department	Create searchable resource directory, as well as an automated provider information update system for the state, link to 511 system and build mobile app.	\$39,600
ID	D2011-BUSP-155	Idaho Transportation Department	Implement a one-call center, incorporate volunteer drivers into coordinated scheduling system; establish reservation system to share trip requests.	\$284,058
ID	D2011-BUSP-156	Idaho Transportation Department	Purchase base software and hardware for a one-call resource center in Kootenai County.	\$220,000
IL	D2011-BUSP-157	Illinois Department of Transportation	Implement a statewide one-click website using transportation provider inventory, including local, intercity, rideshare options.	\$362,000
IL	D2011-BUSP-158	Lee County	Implement one-call/one-click center with single information source and scheduling point for 5 existing human service transportation providers.	\$131,325

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IN	D2011-BUSP-159	Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority	Combine existing database with regional commuter hotline, website. Incorporate demand-response, senior & VA medical transportation & 3 transit services.	\$40,000
KY	D2011-BUSP-160	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	Purchase one-call technology for regional community & Medicaid transportation providers. Expand statewide call center with state Dept of Vets Affairs.	\$797,506
MA	D2011-BUSP-161	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority (MART)	Expand one-call center to include veterans agencies. Upgrade in-vehicle technology to enable Vets Charlie Cards (electronic fare card).	\$2,000,000
MD	D2011-BUSP-162	Maryland Department of Transportation	Implement a one-call/one-click center for veterans and their transit needs in rural Eastern Maryland. Purchase of technology & space.	\$400,000
MD	D2011-BUSP-163	Maryland Department of Transportation	Connect web info system with 211 system, human service & workforce programs. Install transportation info kiosks at military installations, VA facilities.	\$1,572,116
MI	D2011-BUSP-164	Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART)	Purchase technology for same-day scheduling, improve access to web portal and upgrade the phone systems for elderly users and persons with disabilities.	\$101,776
MN	D2011-BUSP-165	Minnesota Department of Transportation	Upgrade existing statewide one-call/one-click center, add info about transportation options, integrate with state's LinkVet program.	\$1,188,000
MO	D2011-BUSP-166	Mid-America Regional Council	Implement an integrated and shared transportation database with public user interface, focusing on information & referral.	\$160,855
NC	D2011-BUSP-167	Wake County by and through its Department of Human Services	Upgrade one-call center system to offer 24-hr availability, create a one-click website that will allow individuals & agencies to schedule trips online.	\$601,661
NE	D2011-BUSP-168	Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency	Expand and upgrade the existing computer aided scheduling and dispatching system to a region-wide system, adding automated customer phone scheduling.	\$933,750
NH	D2011-BUSP-169	Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation	Purchase enhanced web-based coordination software, call-taking hardware & mobile data terminals for vehicles in the coordinated transportation effort.	\$324,000
NJ	D2011-BUSP-170	New Jersey Transit Corporation	Implement a final phase of construction which will expand its existing facility. Purchase in-vehicle technology and increase capacity for veterans needs.	\$1,463,646
NV	D2011-BUSP-171	Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada	Establish a communication network between current human service transportation providers.	\$1,016,864
NY	D2011-BUSP-172	County of Schuyler	Implement a one-call/one-click system to process reservations, integrated with scheduling, routing, and billing and reporting.	\$93,750
OH	D2011-BUSP-173	Stark Area Regional Transit Authority	Improve demand-response system & offer services to veterans; create brokerage to share dispatching between paratransit service & private providers.	\$336,011
OH	D2011-BUSP-174	Western Reserve Transit Authority	Expand existing customer service center into a one-call/one-click center, integrated with a 211 Help Hotline to facilitate inter-agency trip sharing.	\$732,000
OK	D2011-BUSP-175	Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG)	Create 26-county one-call center coordinating transportation in/around Tulsa & Muskogee VAMC, incorporating urban, rural, tribal, DAV/VA transportation.	\$607,752
OR	D2011-BUSP-176	Lane Transit District	Upgrade existing one-call center with new scheduling/dispatching software, new telephone systems with interactive voice response & mobile data computers.	\$1,088,000
OR	D2011-BUSP-177	Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon	Expand one-call center to connect additional transportation resources. Update IT infrastructure to enable coordination with VA transportation.	\$330,728
PA	D2011-BUSP-178	County of Cambria	Implement county one-call/one-click center in Rural Transit Center, helping coordinate transit, paratransit, and senior transportation.	\$190,500
PA	D2011-BUSP-179	Pennsylvania Dept of Transportation	Create a network of four regional one-call centers with websites to bring together individual transportation providers into regional coordinated system.	\$2,000,000

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SC	D2011-BUSP-180	Lowcountry Council of Governments	Install mobile data terminals in regional transit vehicles to implement automatic vehicle location and create customer portal website.	\$124,480
SD	D2011-BUSP-181	South Dakota Department of Transportation	River Cities Transit will upgrade scheduling and dispatching system, add mobile data terminals to vehicles, as well as create online ride scheduling.	\$319,200
SD	D2011-BUSP-182	South Dakota Department of Transportation	Prarie Hills Transit will create interactive webpage and database for scheduling trips located in existing regional call center.	\$183,680
TX	D2011-BUSP-183	City of El Paso	Create one-call/one-click system by purchasing technology upgrades to better access common transportation resource database; assign and schedule trips.	\$1,216,318
TX	D2011-BUSP-184	Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority	Expand the capacity of the Customer Service Center to house regional call center for transportation, human services and community information.	\$848,480
TX	D2011-BUSP-185	VIA Metropolitan Transit	Create an information database on transportation program eligibility and availability from all local transportation providers.	\$148,000
UT	D2011-BUSP-186	Tooele County	Create one-call center to coordinate trips between participating providers. Purchase scheduling/dispatching system & in-vehicle hardware for providers.	\$177,230
VT	D2011-BUSP-187	Vermont Agency of Transportation	Implement new scheduling/dispatching system to include DAV/VA transportation services. Create website connections for one-click service.	\$352,900
WA	D2011-BUSP-188	County of Pierce	Expand local 211 transportation center to a one-call/one-click center with technology upgrades for center and providers, allowing efficient brokerage.	\$211,921
WA	D2011-BUSP-189	Washington State Department of Transportation	Hopelink will build mobile smart phone application & a one-click website that will connect veterans to community transportation providers.	\$168,000
WA	D2011-BUSP-190	Washington State Department of Transportation	Human Service Council will implement one call/one click center to improve compatibility of transportation programs in the region.	\$130,315
WA	D2011-BUSP-191	Washington State Department of Transportation	Paratransit Services will upgrade scheduling software for compatibility with systems at VAMCs & existing non-emergency medical transportation broker.	\$438,776
WI	D2011-BUSP-192	Aging & Disability Resource Center of Eau Claire County	Create two call centers in Western Wisconsin, integrated with ADRC, with a particular focus on the mobility needs of veterans in the area.	\$292,812
Total.....				\$34,622,509